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CHAD: Appeal to Egypt and Sudan

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[redacted] //Chadian President Malloum made another urgent appeal to Sudan and Egypt yesterday for help in countering Libyan-supported rebels in northwestern Chad. The Egyptians may be willing to send some military aid to Chad, but the Sudanese are unlikely to respond to a request for troops.//

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[redacted] //According to the US embassy in Cairo, Malloum sent a message to Egyptian President Sadat requesting unspecified aid and informing Sadat that Chad was requesting Sudan to send troops to eastern Chad.//

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[redacted] //Sadat indicated he would support Malloum and hinted that he might be willing to send Chad some aircraft. He dispatched an operations officer to Khartoum to try to persuade Sudanese President Numayri to agree to the Chadian request. Sadat also urged the US to provide small arms to Chad.//

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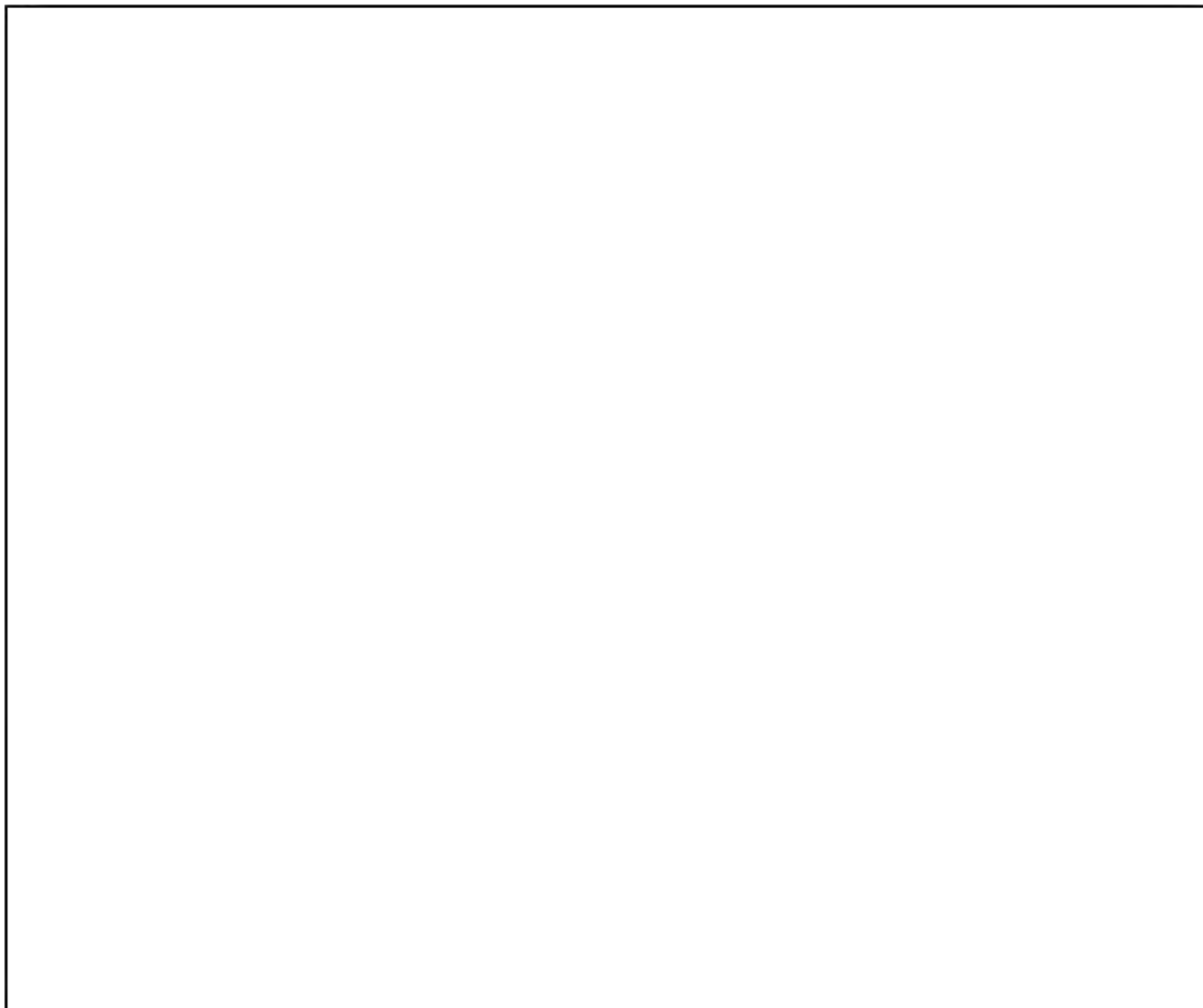
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[REDACTED] //We do not know whether Numayri has yet responded to the Chadian message, but we believe he would be very reluctant to involve Sudanese troops in Chad because the insurgents are Muslims. The Muslim tribes of eastern Chad are related to those of Western Sudan, an area of chronic dissidence, and Numayri is unlikely to want to risk the domestic repercussions that could result if he aided Chad in fighting the rebels.//

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EGYPT: Internal Political

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[] The kidnaping and murder of a former Egyptian cabinet minister last weekend by a fanatic, underground religious society and two bombing incidents in Cairo on Wednesday will complicate President Sadat's efforts to restore confidence in his ability to maintain security and stability. []

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[] Although Libyan-sponsored terrorist incidents early this year caused greater loss of life, the Egyptian public seems far more disturbed by this week's incidents because they were perpetrated by Egyptians. The abduction and killing apparently have also revived memories of a wave of kidnapings and assassinations in the 1940s and 1950s carried out by the Muslim Brotherhood, an orthodox Muslim society founded in Egypt in 1928 to combat secularism.

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[] Initially, many Egyptians suspected that the government had staged the kidnaping in order to blame it on Libyan President Qadhafi; they realized otherwise only when the former minister's body was discovered. Egyptian officials have as yet found no evidence of foreign involvement in the assassination and have made no attempt to implicate the Libyans.

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[] The "Society for Atonement and Flight from Sin," which carried out the kidnaping and is claiming responsibility for the two explosions, is one of a number of fanatical religious groups that have surfaced in the last several years. Founded in 1966, it first came to the attention of Egyptian authorities in 1976 after it carried out attacks on some of its former members and Muslim religious leaders.

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[] The Society apparently was also associated with the group that attacked the Egyptian military academy in 1974, and it may have ties with other right-wing fringe groups. There is no evidence that the Society is supported or associated with the Muslim Brotherhood, which has recently been trying to become a respected influence within the officially recognized rightist party in parliament.

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[] When the Society was first uncovered last year, it reportedly had about 500 members, mostly male students in their early 20s. At that time, Egyptian officials felt that the group posed no threat to the government. The government, nevertheless, seemed concerned about the ease with which Egyptian youths could be recruited by extremists into revivalist Islamic groups.

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[] An even more troublesome possibility for Sadat is that more Egyptians will become disenchanted with the scope and pace of his liberalization program. Following the riots in January, many Egyptians--although in some cases sympathetic to Sadat's goals--felt he had moved too far and too fast in granting greater political and economic freedoms.

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